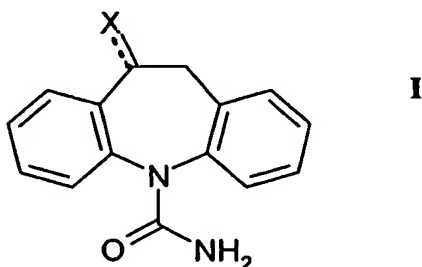


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CLAIMS

1. A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pain, which comprises in combination oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I



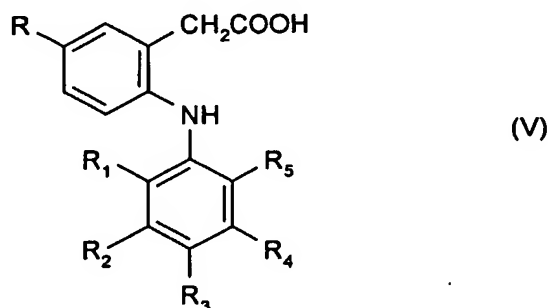
wherein X is =O or -OH, the bond between the azepine ring and X being a double bond when X is =O and a single bond when X is -OH, and a COX-2 inhibitor for simultaneous, sequential or separate use.

2. Use of a COX-2 inhibitor for the preparation of a medicament, for use in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined in claim 1, for treatment of pain.
3. Use of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined in claim 1, for the preparation of a medicament for use in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain.
4. A method of treating a patient suffering from pain comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined above, and an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor.
5. A package comprising oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined in claim 1, together with instructions for use in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor for treatment of pain, or

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a package comprising a COX-2 inhibitor together with instructions for use in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula I as defined in claim 1, for treatment of pain.

6. A composition method, use or package according to any one of the preceding claims in which the COX-2 inhibitor is selected from the group consisting of rofecoxib, etoricoxib, celecoxib, valdecoxib, parecoxib, or a 5-alkyl-2-arylaminophenylacetic acid derivative COX-2 inhibitor, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, or any hydrate thereof.
7. A composition method, use or package according to any one of the preceding claims, in which the COX-2 inhibitor is a compound of formula V



wherein R is methyl or ethyl;

R₁ is chloro or fluoro;

R₂ is hydrogen or fluoro;

R₃ is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

R₄ is hydrogen or fluoro; and

R₅ is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl,

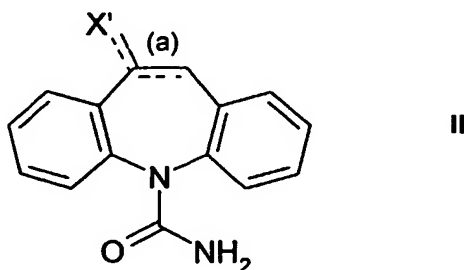
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

8. A composition method, use or package according to claim 7 in which the COX-2 inhibitor is 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid,

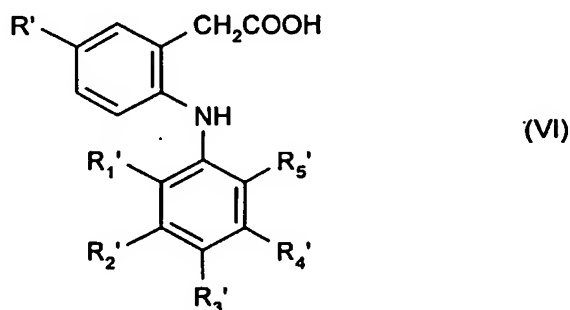
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or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.

9. A pharmaceutical composition for treatment of pain, which comprises in combination oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II



wherein X' is =O, -OH or H, the bond between the azepine ring and X' being a double bond when X' is =O and a single bond when X' is -OH or H and the bond (a) of the azepine ring being a single bond when X' is =O or -OH and a double bond when X' is H, and a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI



wherein R' is methyl or ethyl;

R₁' is chloro or fluoro;

R₂' is hydrogen or fluoro;

R₃' is hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy or hydroxy;

R₄' is hydrogen or fluoro; and

R₅' is chloro, fluoro, trifluoromethyl or methyl;

for simultaneous, sequential or separate use.

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10. Use of a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9 for the preparation of a medicament, for use in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined in claim 9, for treatment of pain.
11. Use of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined in claim 9, for the preparation of a medicament for use in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9 for treatment of pain.
12. A method of treating a patient suffering from pain comprising administering to the patient an effective amount of oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined above, and an effective amount of a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9.
13. A package comprising oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined in claim 9, together with instructions for use in combination with a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9 for treatment of pain, or a package comprising a COX-2 inhibitor of formula VI as defined in claim 9 together with instructions for use in combination with oxcarbazepine or derivative thereof of formula II as defined in claim 9, for treatment of pain.
14. A composition method, use or package according to any one of claims 9-13 in which the COX-2 inhibitor is 5-methyl-2-(2'-chloro-6'-fluoroanilino)phenylacetic acid, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or ester thereof.
15. A composition method, use or package according to any one of claims 9-14 in which the carbamazepine derivative is oxcarbazepine.
16. A composition method, use or package according to any one of claims 9-14 in which the carbamazepine derivative is 10-hydroxy-10,11-dihydro-5H-dibenz(b,f)azepine-5-carboxamide.